

RE: 10:14 am update Coutts Truckers Convoy

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And found this on FB when I searched Coutts simply. There is video of the negotiators with the truckers as it was unfolding. Interesting.

https://www.rebelnews.com/negotiations_continue_at_coutts_as_enforcement_threats_continue

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Not sure if this is truly live or not

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[RCMP moving in on truck blockade at U.S. border | CTV News](#)

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Just in.

UPDATE

Just advised RCMP Enforcement action has started....

Lisa

RCMP begins removing protesters, vehicles at Coutts border blockade

[CTV News: Calgary](#)

Dave Dormer

2022-02-01

RCMP has begun removing a massive blockade of protesters and vehicles — many of them semi trucks and trailers — near the Canada-U.S. border crossing at Coutts, Alta.

The border crossing has been effectively shut down since Saturday, when the mass of people and vehicles arrived in support of a nationwide protest against pandemic health measures.

"What may have begun as a peaceful assembly quickly turned into an unlawful blockade. While the Alberta RCMP has been in a position to conduct enforcement, we have been engaged with protesters at the Coutts border crossing in an effort to find a peaceful and safe resolution for all involved. We thought we had a path to resolution, the protesters eventually chose not to comply," RCMP said in a release.

"As of (Tuesday) morning, further action is being taken by the Alberta RCMP as this blockade continues to impede the ability for emergency agencies to provide full services to area residents. It has also negatively impacted the flow of goods and services, and impedes the public's freedom of movement."

Because highways are considered essential infrastructure, "it is unlawful to wilfully obstruct, interrupt or interfere with the construction, maintenance, use or operation of any essential infrastructure in a manner that renders the essential infrastructure dangerous, useless, inoperative or ineffective as per the Critical Infrastructure Defence Act of Alberta," police added.

"Anyone who actively blocks a highway—or aids, counsels or directs a highway to be blocked—may be subject to arrest and charge under this act.

"Person's participating in this blockade can also expect enforcement of any contraventions of the Criminal Code of Canada, the Traffic Safety Act and Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulations at this location and area roadways."

Premier Jason Kenney took to Twitter to denounce the blockade on Sunday, and on Monday he again called for it to end.

"It is causing significant inconvenience for lawful motorists and could dangerously impede movement of emergency service vehicles," Kenney wrote on Twitter.

He also reiterated statements about all Canadians having a "democratic right to engage in lawful protests," but drew the line at creating hazards for others.

The Critical Infrastructure Defence Act, which was created in 2020 to allow law enforcement to punish protestors who impair critical economic infrastructure. Punishments include a fine of up to \$25,000, plus up to six months in jail for individuals and a maximum fine of \$200,000 for corporations.

"The Critical Infrastructure Defence Act was designed to deal with protecting infrastructure in the province of Alberta," said Doug Schweitzer, who was Alberta's justice minister when the piece of legislation was drafted and introduced.

"We've seen rail blockades, we've seen highways be blocked and that's exactly what the intention of the bill was -- to provide law enforcement with greater tools to deal with illegal blockades in Alberta," said Schweitzer, who is now the provincial minister of jobs, economy and innovation.

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Sent: February 1, 2022 10:15 AM

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From Brad

- Coutts
 - o On February 1, 2022 as of 07:30hrs MT, the situation remains the same at Coutts.
 - o In this morning's tactical planning meeting, the RCMP advised that the groundwork has been laid for enforcement action today. RCMP attempted negotiation yesterday but it did not resolve situation. Enforcement is going to take place now and removal of trucks from highway is main objective, however, it could take a long time to get things cleared up.
 - o RCMP will continue advocating for voluntary compliance throughout.
 - o No issues with CBSA staff reporting to work this morning. (*Ben to confirm)

Denis

From: Vinette, Denis R.

Sent: February 1, 2022 8:57 AM

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Subject: RE: Coutts Truckers Convoy

Good morning,

I just spoke with Lisa Laurencelle-Peace, a meeting is planned for 09:00 MT between RCMP, US CBP and CBSA to discuss the ongoing blockade at Coutts – there were no significant changes overnight.

RCMP continue to maintain a heavy presence in the area. An update will be provided to us around 9:30 MT following the meeting.

The Region is considering expanding hours at nearby POEs (Carway, Del Bonita and Aden) and will discuss with partners if this consideration may trigger another response from protestors. At present, some volumes are making their way to these POEs during normal operating hours. There has been no sizeable increase in week-over-week volumes further east at North Portal SK.

# Passages (Persons)	This Week			Last Week			Hours
	2022-01-29	2022-01-30	2022-01-31	2022-01-22	2022-01-23	2022-01-24	
Coutts Travellers	202	22	20	234	253	188	24-7
Coutts Commercial *	262	23	0	397	372	361	24-7
Del Bonita*	0	0	186	0	0	43	M-F, 9-5
Carway*	35	211	127	47	78	29	7D, 8 to 6
Aden*	3	32	11	1	0	0	7D, 9-5
*designated commercial POE							

Dan Badour

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John, this from region at 8pm our time. He king out for the night but things still ongoing.

RCMP negotiator meeting with organizing as we speak, making one last effort to negotiate opening a lane; if this fail, the RCMP stance will be to contain overnight and re-tool for enforcement in the morning.

Will update once we know more.

Director Tame is still onsite.

Denis R. Vinette

On Jan 31, 2022, at 3:43 PM, Vinette, Denis R. <Denis.Vinette@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca> wrote:

Just in from Brad, we are on with him right now.

Here is some pre read.

Colleagues, latest operational update in Coutts. I can discuss more at meeting if you are interested. Specifically looking for thoughts on the request by the RCMP to move some trucks back into our parking lanes.

Intel

- RCMP have reported that guns were shown last night among the group
- There is a long distance between CBSA POE and the blockade. There are 20 RCMP vehicles between CBSA and the blockade.

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- RCMP reporting increased hostility and factions between protesters and trucks
- Organizers have set up council chambers at the Smugglers Inn – they've approached RCMP and said they maybe willing to negotiate opening a NB lane in exchange for food.
- Approximately 20-30 trucks waiting to clear into the northbound lane – truckers have had no food nor access to washrooms
RCMP is requesting humanitarian care/operational need to assist with these truckers in order to have them away from the blockade
Option 1 – backup trucks into CBSA parking lot; wait for northbound lane to be clear and truckers could proceed
Option 2 – truckers leave their trucks and wait in the POE until blockade cleared – CBSA lobby/CBSA boardrooms etc would be used for this purpose.

CBP

- Checkpoint set up on the northbound lane – advising travellers of situation
- Northbound traffic is lined about a mile long from checkpoint (near overpass in MT)
- Northbound traffic is staging – in nearby towns; on highway ramps

CBSA

Staff Briefings –

- briefings occurred with staff to advise of the rcmp ops
- exercise hyper-vigilance
- 27 CBSA employees in the buidling; 4 Public works employees; 1 CFIA

Weather – current snowstorm in the area

Denis

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Subject: Fwd: Briefing on Truckers Convoy

FYI. You'll need to pass me an update please

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bogden, Jacqueline" <Jacqueline.Bogden@pco-bcp.gc.ca>
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Subject: RE: Briefing on Truckers Convoy

This is to alert you that we are going to organize a call at 4pm to update everyone.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Martin, Tommy **On Behalf Of** Bogden, Jacqueline
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2022 1:54 PM
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Subject: Briefing on Truckers Convoy

When: Sunday, January 30, 2022 1:00 PM-1:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Secure videoconference device or secure mobile phone

Please find dial in instructions for today's Briefing-Truckers Convoy below:

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- * Composez le **4253** pour vous connecter à la salle de réunion, puis appuyez sur l'icône verte (**appel**)



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- Composez le numéro **4253** pour vous connecter à la salle de réunion, puis appuyez sur l'icône verte « Call » (**Appel**) pour faire l'appel.



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